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Extra Mile Essay for Ms. Tavel

Ms. Tavel goes the extra mile because she does “Y’all Know What?” with us in the morning. We sit in a circle and Ms. Tavel says, “Y’all Know What?” We say “What, Ms. Tavel?” And then she tells us about her weekend. Then we go around the circle and everybody gets a turn. It’s really fun because you find out what everybody does for fun and you get to know what’s happening in everybody’s life. You can always say pass if you can’t think of anything you want to share.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, she has lunch bunch. The cafeteria is really noisy so it feels good to eat in the classroom. When we go to lunch bunch Ms. Tavel sits at Table 2 with us on her rolling stool and we talk about things like spring break, our favorite subject on the MAP test, and the instruments we play.

Ms. Tavel lets us watch Mystery Science before specials. Every week there’s a question and it teaches us a lot about science. One of them was, “Why do we have allergies?” and that helped me learn why I’m allergic to pollen. Your body thinks pollen is a germ, but it’s really not. I might not know that if Ms. Tavel didn’t let us watch Mystery Science.

Ms. Tavel gives us two breaks every day. We work really hard in class so Ms. Tavel knows we need a lot of fresh air. Sometimes she lets us stay outside for a really long time, like an hour and a half.

In reading, Ms. Tavel lets us read anything anywhere. I bet most teachers would probably tell you to read out of your book box, but with Ms. Tavel you can read any book you want! You don’t even have to read at the rug. You can read at your table or on the floor.

Ms. Tavel is a great teacher because she goes the extra mile.